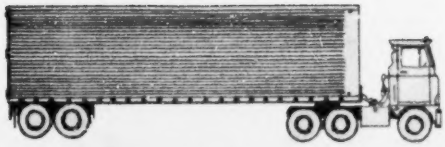

MONTHLY TRUCK TONNAGE REPORT

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TONNAGE INDEX INCREASES IN NOVEMBER

General freight carrier tonnage increased 4.4 points in November 1984, from October, 1984 according to the ATA Truck Tonnage Index. At a level of 148.3(p) with 1967 = 100, the November tonnage is 3.1 percent above October's 143.9(r). The current month's volume is 9 points (6.5 percent) above the tonnage level in November, 1983.

The actual tons reported by motor carriers in the ATA survey decreased from 6.04 million tons in October to 5.45 million tons in November, 1984. Actual tons decreased 9.7%. Adjustments for variations due to seasonality and the number of working (trading) days increased the November index level to 148.3(p).

From October to November, 1984, Industrial Production Index shows increases of 0.4% compared to the adjusted general freight tonnage index increases of 3.1%.

These findings were announced today by the American Trucking Associations, Inc. (ATA) Statistical Analysis Department. The monthly truck tonnage index is based on a survey of the companywide operations of Class I and II motor carriers of general freight. Index coverage represents in excess of one-half of the tonnage moved by this type of for-hire motor carriers of property subject to Interstate Commerce Commission regulation.

Month-to-month data are compiled using a chain link which, in turn, has been adjusted to remove the normal seasonal influence and variations due to differing numbers of business (trading) days each month.

The current and historic index numbers are shown on the reverse side, along with several other major business indicator series. A "three-month moving average" adjusted truck tonnage index has also been compiled which aids in smoothing out short term non-significant movements in the series.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH NOVEMBER 1984
1967 = 100

	Nov 1984	Oct 1984	Sep 1984	Nov 1983	Monthly % Change 10/84 / 9/84	Monthly % Change 11/84 / 10/84	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	148.3p	143.9r	141.5f	139.3f	+1.7	+3.1	+6.5
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	140.9p	156.1r	144.0f	134.4f	+8.4	-9.7	+4.8
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	165.0	164.3	165.2	155.3	-0.5	+0.4	+6.2
Manufacturers (total)	167.0	166.4	166.6	156.4	-0.1	+0.4	+6.8
Non-durable	181.4	181.0	180.5	174.8	+0.3	+0.2	+3.8
Durable	157.1	156.3	157.0	143.6	-0.4	+0.5	+9.4
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	452.0	444.0	441.9	417.4	+0.5	+1.8	+8.3
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	292.3	291.6	289.8	286.8	+0.6	+0.2	+1.9
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	315.3	315.3	314.5	303.1	+0.3	--	+4.0
Tonnage Reported by 152 Carriers in November, 1984 (000 tons)	5,453	6,041	n.a.	5,467	n.a.	-9.7	-0.3

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1 - Adjusted seasonally & for trading days
2 - Seasonally adjusted
3 - Finished goods (formerly Wholesale Price Index)
4 - Goods and services

ADJUSTED MONTHLY TRUCK INDEX -- HISTORICAL -- 1967 = 100

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
January	192.4	164.6	153.1	129.7	127.1	144.8
February	198.8	157.1	152.8	133.0	126.2	139.6
March	203.1	157.5	152.9	129.8	127.8	142.3
April	144.1	150.6	152.8	131.3	130.2	146.8
May	190.4	142.8	153.0	130.9	134.0	144.0
June	185.8	139.4	151.1	131.0	135.9	143.0
July	185.1	134.7	150.7	128.7	150.9	145.6
August	175.8	141.1	146.9	131.3	138.9	147.6
September	173.8	145.3	143.4	128.5	139.4	141.5
October	172.5	148.0	140.1	125.2	138.7	143.9r
November	172.2	151.1	136.7	122.4	139.3	148.3p
December	168.7	154.2	130.7	124.9	142.4	

* all data are final unless otherwise noted.

Three Month Moving Average of Adjusted Truck Tonnage Index for Recent Months

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1982	131.1	130.8	131.4	130.7	131.1	130.2	130.3	128.3	128.3	125.4	124.2	124.8
1983	126.1	127.0	128.2	130.7	133.4	140.3	141.9	143.1	139.0	139.1	140.2	142.2
1984	142.3	142.2	142.9	144.4	144.6	144.2	145.4	144.9	144.3r	144.6p		

The moving average aids in smoothing out less significant monthly variations.